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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The applicant through its representatives and attorneys, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the six (6) documents identified on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. Copies are provided.

These documents are cited within the description of the above-identified application and cited within the description of the co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/661,793.

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Thus, it is believed that no fees are due. However, if any fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficit to Deposit Account No. 18-0013.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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